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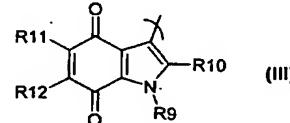
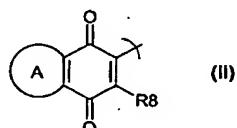
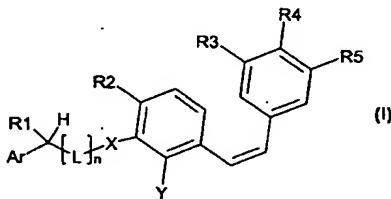
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(57) Abstract: A compound of formula (1), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Ar is a substituted heteroaryl group bearing at least one nitro or azido group or is a group of formula (2) or (3); R₁ is hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heteroaryl; R₂ is alkyl, alkoxy, thialkoxy or halo; R₃, R₄ and R₅ are each independently alkyl, alkoxy, thialkoxy or halo with the proviso that at least two of R₃, R₄ or R₅ are alkoxy; L is -OC(O)- or -OP(O)(OR₆)-; n is 0 or 1; X is O, S or NR₇; Y is hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, thialkoxy, halo, hydroxy or dihydrogenphosphate; R₆ is hydrogen or alkyl; R₇ is hydrogen or alkyl; R₈ is hydrogen, alkoxy or dialkylaminoalkyl; R₉ is hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl; R₁₀ is hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy or dialkylaminoalkyl; R₁₁ and R₁₂ are independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, thialkoxy, amono alkylamino, dialkylamino, morpholino, alkylmorpholino, piperidino, alkylpiperidino, piperazino, alkylpiperazino or 1-aziridinyl; and A, together with the carbon atoms to which it is fused, is an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl ring.